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SUBJECT: GOL ANNOUNCEMENT OF RECOGNITION OF PRC

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1. ACCORDING TO AN ANNOUNCEMENT ISSUED BY THE GOL FEBRUARY 22, THE GOL AND THE PRC HAVE AGREED TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AT THE AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL AND TO EXCHANGE AMBASSADORS. ACCORDING TO THE ANNOUNCEMENT MADE BY ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER T. SIAF

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SHERMAN, THE TWO COUNTRIES HAVE AGREED TO PROMOTE MEANINGFUL TIES OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION BASED ON THE PRINCIPLES OF MUTUAL RESPECT FOR SOVEREIGNTY, TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, NON-INTERFERENCE OF EACH OTHER'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS, MUTUAL NON-AGGRESSION, EQUALITY AND MUTUAL BENEFIT AND PEACEFUL CO-EXISTENCE. ACCORDING TO SHERMAN'S STATEMENT, A JOINT COMMUNIQUE WAS ISSUED SIMULTANEOUSLY IN PEKING

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AND MONROVIA. FULL TEXT OF THE COMMUNIQUE WILL BE POUCHED SHORTLY.

2. THE HEAD OF THE PRC GOODWILL MISSION, AMBASSADOR TO SIERRA LEONE TSUNG KE-WEN, IS SCHEDULED TO RETURN TO FREETOWN FEBRUARY 23, WITH SOME MEMBERS OF HIS MISSION EXPECTED TO REMAIN IN MONROVIA, AT LEAST TEMPORARILY.

3. SINCE ARRIVAL IN MONROVIA, THE PRC MISSION HAS ATTENDED A FORMAL DINNER GIVEN BY THE FOREIGN MINISTER, CALLED ON PRESIDENT TOLBERT, HELD TALKS WITH GOL OFFICIALS AT THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND PAID COURTESY CALLS ON VICE PRESIDENT JAMES E. GREENE AND PROMINENT LEGISLATORS. THE GOL PRESS SERVICE OF FEBRUARY 18 QUOTED A.B. TOLBERT, CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE, AS STATING THAT HE "WISHED THAT LIBERIAN-CHINESE RELATIONSHIP WILL ENSURE THE OBLITERATION OF SUPER-POWER EXPANSION ON THE AFRICAN CONTINENT" AND AFFIRMED THAT "WITH THE PRESENCE OF THE CHINESE FROM THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, THERE WOULD BE A BALANCE OF POWER IN THE COUNTRY; ADDING THAT IT WILL ENSURE AN ECONOMIC BOOM AND SUBSTANCE NEEDED IN THE COUNTRY." THE PRC GROUP VISITED THE UNIVERSITY OF LIBERIA AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE AND AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS IN BONG COUNTY. ACCORDING TO SOURCES IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, A TRIP TO THE ROC-SPONSORED SUGAR REFINERY IN SINOE COUNTY WAS CANCELLED WHEN IT WAS POINTED OUT THAT A MAJORITY OF THE ROC STAFF WAS COMPOSED OF RETIRED SERVICEMEN WHOSE REACTION ON SEEING A DELEGATION FROM THE PRC COULD NOT BE PREDICTED.

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